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Draft decision on the surrender of savings by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The Meeting of States Parties,

Considering that, on the basis of the performance report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea 2005-2006, overexpenditures incurred in respect of the budget lines "Annual allowances" and "Special allowances" under section 1, "Remuneration of Judges", amounted to €599,433,[1]

Noting that the overexpenditures could be financed by transfer between appropriation sections, in accordance with the decisions taken by the fifteenth Meeting of States Parties in June 2005[2]

Considering that the Tribunal proposed that, in accordance with regulation 4.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal, the balance remaining from the surplus of income over expenditure from the financial period 2002, amounting to €65,816, and the total balance from the financial period 2004, amounting to €208,670, be surrendered and deducted from the assessed contributions of the States parties for 2008,

Considering also that the supplementary budget for 2005-2006, amounting to €351,899, was approved by the Meeting of States Parties with a view to financing overexpenditures due to the application of the floor/ceiling mechanism applicable to the remuneration of members of the Tribunal,

Noting that, as shown by the performance report of the Tribunal for 2005-2006, there was no need for recourse to the supplementary budget to finance the overexpenditures referred to above,

1. *Decides* that an amount of €65,816 from the 2002 savings and an amount of €208,670 from the 2004 savings will be surrendered and deducted from the assessed contributions of the States parties for 2008 in accordance with regulation 4.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal;

[1] SPLOS/154, para. 8.
[2] See SPLOS/132 and SPLOS/133.

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2. *Also decides* that an amount of €351,899, corresponding to the supplementary budget approved by the Meeting of States Parties, will be surrendered and deducted from the assessed contributions of the States parties for 2008 in accordance with regulation 4.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal.